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TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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SUBJ: KUWAITI-OMANI RELATIONS

KUWAIT PASS MUSCAT

1. ON MARCH 27 OMANI AMBASSADOR TO US AHMED MACKI CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIES TO CLARIFY DECLARATION OF OMANI FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI AT LAHORE. MACKI EXPLAINED THAT WHILE OMAN WISHED TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH KUWAIT, IT WAS DISAPPOINTED BY KUWAIT'S ASSISTANCE TO ADEN AND LACK OF ASSISTANCE TO OMAN. MACKI SAID THAT DURING AUGUST 1973 VISIT OF KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER SABAH TO MUSCAT, OMANIS FRANKLY VOICED THEIR UNHAPPINESS OVER KUWAITI AID TO ADEN AND OVER FACT THAT NUMBER OF REBEL LEADERS CAPTURED IN DHOFAR HAD SPENT LONG PERIODS OF TIME IN KUWAIT. MACKI SAID SABAH PROMISED TO INTRODUCE BILL FOR AID TO OMAN IN KUWAITI PARLIAMENT AND TO SEND DEPUTY INTERIOR MINISTER TO MUSCAT TO DISCUSS WITH HIS OMANI COUNTERPART PROBLEM OF DHOFARIS IN KUWAIT. KUWAITI DEPUTY INTERIOR MINISTER SUBSEQUENTLY VISITED MUSCAT, BUT THIS HAD LED TO NO EFFECTIVE KUWAITI ACTION.

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ALSO, KUWAIT HAD NOT AND WAS NOT SUPPLYING ASSISTANCE

TO OMAN, MACKI STATED CATEGORICALLY. HE EMPHASIZED STRONG OMANI DISAGREEMENT WITH KUWAITI VIEW THAT ITS ASSISTANCE TO ADEN DOES NOT MAKE IT EASIER FOR PDY GOVERNMENT TO AID PFLOAG.

2. COMMENT: PRESUME CRITICISM OF KUWAIT FOR NOT AIDING OMAN IN PAST NOT ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED SINCE KUWAITI AID TO SOUTH ARABIA AND GULF PRIMARILY FOR EDUCATION AND OMAN HAS ONLY RECENTLY HAD EDUCATION SYSTEM WHICH COULD BE ASSISTED. WE, OF COURSE, DO NOT WISH TO GET IN MIDDLE OF KUWAITI-OMANI CONTRETEMPS, BUT ANY INFORMATION ON KUWAITI AID TO OMAN WOULD BE OF INTEREST. AMBASSADOR MACKI MADE A POINT OF COMMENDING HELPFUL EFFORTS OF AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KUWAIT AND OMAN.

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